

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, Jr.,  
Clerk.

moot and no Rule VIII determinations are required.

Sincerely,

WALTER B. JONES,  
Member of Congress.

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**AUTHORIZING SPEAKER TO DISPENSE WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS ON ANY DAY HOUSE CONVENES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2 OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 80**

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that on any day when the House convenes pursuant to section 2 of House Joint Resolution 80, the Speaker may dispense with organizational and legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RENZI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

**COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HONORABLE FRANK PALLONE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Paul Dement, District Director of the Honorable FRANK PALLONE, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 24, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Superior Court of New Jersey, Ocean County.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to notify the party that issued the subpoena that I do not have any responsive documents.

Sincerely,

PAUL DEMENT,  
District Director.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE WALTER B. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA, MEMBER OF CONGRESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable WALTER B. JONES of North Carolina, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 2, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received a subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of Pender County, North Carolina.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that, because I received the subpoena after the date requested for testimony, the subpoena is

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

**COMMENDING JUDY W. STEVENS FOR HER WORK AND DEDICATION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and praise an individual who has dedicated herself to improving North Carolina. Judy Stevens is a remarkable person in many ways, and I want to acknowledge her accomplishments and efforts in economic development.

Judy grew up in Star, North Carolina, located in Montgomery County. She attended East Montgomery High School and continued her education at Randolph Community College. She is a certified economic developer from the Economic Development Institute, which is administered by the University of Oklahoma.

Judy began her work in the economic development field when she accepted a job as administrative assistant for the director of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation in 1992. With her strong knowledge of the county and its people, combined with her knowledge of economic development, she quickly excelled at her job; so fast, that by 1993 she became the director of the EDC.

Any good leader knows that success depends upon the efforts of many. Judy created the Committee of 100, a group of business leaders throughout the county who were willing to invest time and money in recruiting new businesses to Montgomery County. Long-term success depends on future leadership. She established the Leadership Montgomery Program for Adults and Youth through the Montgomery County Chamber of Congress, which is currently in its 10th year.

Judy Stevens is someone who understands that economic development success requires cooperation across political jurisdictional lines. In her own county, Judy is currently working on a project to develop a regional wastewater system for the towns of Boscope, Star, and Troy. In the past, this type of cooperation was not common. However, with Judy's determination and leadership, folks are willing to come to the table and work for the good of the entire area.

Most recently, Judy has taken on a much larger task by leading the eighth

district's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, CEDS, project. CEDS is a program sponsored by the Economic Development Administration, which seeks to develop a regional plan of action to attract investment and to create jobs. The committee is comprised of local economic development, education, and chamber officials.

Judy has worked tirelessly with the members of the CEDS committee to develop a final recommendation to present to EDA. I am pleased to tell you that because of her effort and strong leadership, the community has come to consensus on a proposal that will serve as a blueprint for regional economic development for the Eighth District of North Carolina and the rest of the country. I look forward to working with her and the CEDS committee as we put this plan into action.

Judy's hard work and talent have been recognized across the State. In 1999, she was named Economic Developer of the Year for North Carolina by the North Carolina Economic Developers Association. This recognition displays the type of commitment and dedication Judy puts into her job and into her community.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot tell you how much I appreciate Judy Stevens' tireless dedication and her desire to increase the quality of life for Montgomery County, the eighth district, and North Carolina as a whole. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help create and sustain economic development; and as a citizen of North Carolina, I join many in sincerely thanking her.

I would also like to acknowledge Judy's family that has been there backing her in every effort and success. Judy has a loving family. The Stevens family includes her husband, Gerald, along with their two sons, a daughter, and three grandsons. I am sure they are as proud as I am of her many accomplishments and her dedication to her profession.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, PhRMA**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, President Bush signed the Medicare bill today, ending an ugly legislative process driven by the interests of a constituency near and dear to the Republican leadership in this House. Not America's seniors. I am talking about the prescription drug industry.

The vast quantities of time and money that the drug companies invested in selling this bill were well spent. This bill is a Christmas wish come true for every drug manufacturer in our Nation. Under the new bill, drug industry profits are expected to increase by \$140 billion, a 40 percent increase in already the world's most profitable industry.

This industry, the world's most profitable industry, successfully used its